

REMARKS

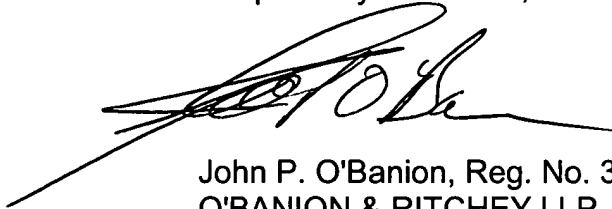
This Second Preliminary Amendment is submitted in connection with this application for the purpose of presenting additional claims prior to the first examination.

No new matter has been added, and entry of this Second Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John P. O'Banion", written over a horizontal line.

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